

ADVANCED SEMICONDUCTOR ENGINEERING INC
Form 6-K
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FORM 6-K
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

July 17, 2006

Commission File Number 001-16125

Advanced Semiconductor Engineering, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

26 Chin Third Road
Nantze Export Processing Zone
Kaoshiung, Taiwan
Republic of China
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Form 20-F

Form 40-F

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Yes

No

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Not applicable

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**ADVANCED SEMICONDUCTOR
ENGINEERING, INC.**

Date: July 17, 2006

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**ASE AND POWERCHIP FORM JOINT VENTURE TO PROVIDE MEMORY
SEMICONDUCTOR PACKAGE AND TEST SERVICES**

Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C., July 14th, 2006 - Advanced Semiconductor Engineering, Inc. (TAIEX: 2311, NYSE: ASX) (hereinafter "ASE") and Powerchip Semiconductor Corp. (GTSM: 5346) (hereinafter "Powerchip") today jointly announced that the two companies will raise \$50,000,000 USD and form Power ASE Technology, Inc. in Taiwan. This newly established company will focus on memory IC related package and testing services.

ASE will contribute \$30,000,000 USD and Powerchip will contribute \$20,000,000 USD. The newly established company will lease approximately 6,800 square meters of production space in ASE's Chungli Campus for future production, and will start recruiting employees and installing equipment. Mass production is currently scheduled for 4Q2006.

"ASE Group has historically focused on high-end core logic and ASIC package and testing services without extensive involvement in the memory semiconductor area," said Mr. Jason Chang, Chairman of ASE Group. "We believe the DRAM industry has become more consolidated than it was in previous cycles, with solid fundamentals, decreasing imbalance between supply and demand, and lower cyclical risk. We expect the growth in demand for new generation DRAM and other memory devices will accelerate as we enter a brand new product cycle in personal computers. DRAM companies will align with backend subcontractors to support their ramp up, instead of using subcontractors as an overflow support. In addition, we expect the flash memory market to grow in conjunction with demand for various consumer appliances. This should reduce the risk of product concentration for the memory semiconductor industry."

Powerchip Chairman, Dr. Frank Huang, stated that with the growing market for high density data flash, worldwide demand for memory products has begun another period of growth. Powerchip at the same time is focusing on the

production of DRAM and Flash products as well as on expanding its capacity in order to meet market demand. Considering that Powerchip already has three 12" Fabs that will be running at full capacity within the 12 months, together with the construction of Powerchip's four new fabs, to be located in CTSP's Houli park. Powerchip will draw upon past successes and gain another source for packaging and testing. Working together with ASE, is an essential factor for Powerchip's growth, and furthermore provides support for Powerchip group's future growth.

Chairman Chang continues, "This JV creates a win-win solution for ASE and Powerchip. Adequate supply of backend capacity will support Powerchip's growth. The new company will make necessary investments in memory testing equipment and leverage ASE's economy of scale in packaging capacity and internal substrate capability. We believe that, with commitment from Powerchip, one of the leading DRAM companies in the world, the overall business risk for the new company will be significantly reduced. ASE can also benefit from the expertise in memory testing obtained from this venture to support the demand for memory testing when we provide SIP and SOC solutions to our customers. This new company enhances our coverage in IC package and testing, and we are very excited about it."

Jason Chang, the Chairman of ASE, will serve as the Chairman of the new JV. Other members of the new JV's management team will be appointed shortly.

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